RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : A statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Backward communities and Public Service.

44. **MR. P. VIVEKANANDAM** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of persons belonging to the Backward Communities holding appointments in the Government service on a scale of Rs. 40 and above ?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : The time and labour involved in collecting the information is considered to be out of proportion to its possible utility.

Government service and the Sambavar community.

45. **MR. P. VIVEKANANDAM :** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of persons holding appointments in the Government service from the Sambavar community on the scale of Rs. 40 and above ?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : The time and labour involved in collecting the information is considered to be out of proportion to its possible utility.

Excise Peons from the Sambavar Community.

46 **MR. P. VIVEKANANDAM :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Excise Peons from the Sambavar community who have passed the Petty Officers' Test ; and

(*b*) whether any one of them is appointed as a Petty Officer ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) Two.

(*b*) No.

Gambling in the Chinnammankoil, Karkad.

47. **MR. P. VIVEKANANDAM :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Inspector of Police, Edalakudy station, is aware of gambling going on in the premises of the Chinnammankoil, Karkad ; and

(*b*) what action has been taken by the Inspector to put a stop to this evil ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*)

Karkad road.

48. **MR. P. VIVEKANANDAM :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the Karkad Road, branching from the M. S. Road near the Suchindram bridge, was last recoated ;

(*b*) the date on which the Executive Engineer, Nagercoil, and the Section Officer, Mylaudy, last inspected the road ; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received petitions from the villagers, Karkad, regarding the unsatisfactory nature of the Karkad Road for thoroughfare ?

*Vide Appendix XX—page 1028.

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